

**REMARKS**

As a preliminary matter, Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Hoosain for courtesies extended in the telephone interview conducted on December 30, 2004.

Applicant submits this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In the interview, the Advisory Action mailed December 17, 2004 was discussed, in which the Examiner indicated that further search and consideration would be necessary because of the amendments to claims 1, 61, 64, and 66. The Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on September 20, 2004 also was discussed.

The Examiner stated that such amendments to claims 1, 61, 64, and 66 appear to overcome the art of record. Thus, the Examiner stated that unless more relevant prior art is uncovered in the Examiner's further search, the claims of the application should be in condition for allowance.

In accordance with the Examiner's request, Applicant notes that Examiner Hoosain stated that he would contact Applicant to discuss possible claim amendments for placing the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner's further search uncover more relevant prior art.

On the other hand, should more relevant prior art not be uncovered by the Examiner's search, Examiner Hoosain kindly stated that he would allow the case.


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It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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